

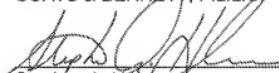
REMARKS

Claims 15-27 and 29-34 are pending with claims 15 and 29 being independent. The Office Action indicates that claims 29-34 are allowed and that claims 16 and 18-20 contain patentable subject matter, but are objected to as depending on a rejected base claim. However, the Office Action also indicates that claims 15, 17, and 21-27 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Schuster (U.S. Pat. No. 5,086,397).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection, but has amended claim 15 to advance prosecution and obtain issuance of the claims. As amended, claim 15 defines a function of the frequency-encoding feature as "indicating an operating frequency of the frequency-specific component." No new matter has been added – indeed, this phrase already appears in allowed claim 29.

In a telephone call to the Examiner on March 8, 2011, the Examiner agreed that this particular amendment to claim 15 would overcome the rejections and place claim 15 in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,
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